

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with a revised format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23, as follows:

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N numeral 1108 denotes an upper document guide for guiding the document, numeral 1109 denotes a lower document guide, and numeral ~~1100~~ 1110 denotes ~~an image reading device~~ a reading unit for reading the image of the conveyed document. The separating piece 1102, conveying roller 1105, and discharging roller 1107 are attached to the upper document guide 1108. The separating roller 1101, the conveying roller 1104, the discharging roller 1106, and a motor 1111 for operating the rollers are attached to a frame via a drive substrate 1112.

[Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 53, line 13, as follows:

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In Fig. 10, the device is provided with a document inserting port 21; a document bunch 22; a schematically shown document presence/absence detecting sensor 23; a separating roller 24; a separating piece 25; a separating piece pressing spring 26; an operation panel 27; keys 28 on the operation panel 27; a separated sheet of document 29; a document conveying path 210 of the document 29; feeding rollers 211a, 211b; a feeding roller pair 211

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formed of feeding rollers 211a, 211b; a pressing spring 212 for the feeding and discharging rollers; a schematically shown document tip/rear end detecting sensor 213; a reading sensor (reading means) 214 which is an adhesion type image sensor; a white reference member 215 which is a reading sensor opponent member; discharging rollers 216a, 216b; a discharging roller pair 216 formed of the discharging rollers 216a and 216b; a photointerruptor sensor (mounting detecting sensor) 217 for detecting attachment/detachment of a reading section and opening/closing of an operating section; a reading section attachment/detachment and operating section opening/closing detecting sensor actuator (operating member) 218; a document discharge port 219; and a reading section 220 including a the reading sensor ~~14~~ 214 and discharging roller 216b.

[Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 62, line 5, as follows:

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Moreover, a reading guide section 221 includes the separating roller 24, feeding roller ~~211b~~ 211b, white reference member 215, and discharging roller 216a, and the operating section 222 including the operation panel 27 and the reading guide section 221 is constituted to be rotatable on an operating section rotating center 223 as a support point. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 12, by rotating the operating section 222 in a clockwise direction in Fig. 12, the feeding rollers 211a and 211b, the reading sensor 214 and the

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white reference member 215, and the discharging rollers 216a and 216b can be detached from each other, and the document conveying path 210 can be opened. As described above, by opening/closing the operating section 222 disposed in the upper front of the device body 230 which is an easily operating place, the reading guide section 221 can be opened/closed, which is a constitution superior in operating property.

[Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 88, line 8, as follows:

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A pressure plate 421 is constituted to be vertically rotatable centering on a support point 421a, on whose top surface a plurality of recording sheets 492 are accumulated. Numeral 422 denotes a pressing spring to pressurize/rotate the pressure plate 421 upward. In the initial state, the pressure plate 421 is held downward against the pressing force of the pressing spring 421. Numeral 423 denotes a recording sheet width slider to regulate the movement of the recording sheet 492 in width direction. Numeral 424 denotes a recording sheet pickup roller, and 425 denotes a separating sheet for separating the recording sheets 492 sheet by sheet. Numeral 428 426 denotes a sensor for detecting the tip end of the recording sheet 492 which is separated/fed sheet by sheet.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 93, line 7, as follows:

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Thereafter, the CIS ~~481~~ 461 reads shading data of the white reference plate 454, and corrects the output level of reading signal. Then, the reading motor is again rotated, and the document 493 is conveyed by the predetermined number of steps. After the document reaches the reading line of the CIS 461, the under surface of the document is successively read line by line. The read document 493 is guided, held and conveyed by the discharging roller 453 and the nip portion of the roller 462, and discharged to the outside of the device via the opening (document discharge port) 416 disposed in the device front surface. When a plurality of sheets of document 493 are set, the reading motor is rotated to repeat the operation comprising separating/conveying the document 493 sheet by sheet by the ADF section 44 and successively reading the image data by the CIS 461, until the sensor 457 detects that there is no document 493.